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SUBJ: MBFR: JULY 16 WG DISCUSSION OF DATA REQUIREMENTS TO BE LEVIED
ON MC 224 CONFERENCE

1. DURING JULY 16 WG DISCUSSION OF DATA (OTHER ASPECTS SEPTTEL),
UK REP (GEHRATY) SPOKE TO HANDOUT (PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED) ON
DESIRABILITY OF WG LEVYING SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR AGREED WP
DATA ON FORTHCOMING MC 224 CONFERENCE. TEXT OF UK NOTE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

1. THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS OBSERVED THAT THE US AUTHORITIES HAVE
SUGGESTED THAT THE MC 224 CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ADVANCED TO
EARLY SEPTEMBER AND THAT IT SHOULD BE CHARGED

WITH PRODUCING NATO - AGREED DATA ON THE WARSAW PACT
"RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS".

2. WE SUPPORT THIS AND WELCOME THE US INITIATIVE, BUT FROM
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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WE ARE MOST CONCERNED THAT DETAILED
GUIDANCE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS MEETING
AT MC 224 IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THEY PRODUCE THE INFORMATION
IN THE NECESSARY DETAIL AND IN THE FORM IN WHICH IT IS

REQUIRED FOR MBFR PURPOSES. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS CAN BEST BE DONE BY SUPPLYING THE MC224 CONFERENCE WITH A FULL STATEMENT OF WORKING GROUP REQUIREMENTS. THIS REQUIREMENT WOULD BE MET BY GIVING THEM A FORM WITH ALL HEADINGS FILLED IN BUT BLANK SPACES LEFT FOR THE INFORMATION WHICH THEY WILL SUPPLY. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE STAFF GROUP SHOULD BE INVITED TO PRODUCE SUCH A FORM, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE IMS (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION), SO THAT THE WORKING GROUP CAN CONSIDER IT AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

3. WE FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT THIS FORM SHOULD BE CIRCULATED TO THOSE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WELL BEFORE IT STARTS, PREFERABLY IN THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST, SO THAT THEY HAVE THE MAXIMUM LENGTH OF TIME TO CONSIDER OUR REQUIREMENTS AND PREPARE TO MEET THEM.
END TEXT OF UK NOTE

2. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION, QUESTION WAS RAISED BY UK REP AS TO LEVEL OF DETAIL REQUIRED BY ALIED NEGOTIATORS IN VIENNA. DATA SUB-GROUP CHAIRMAN (BRANSON) NOTED THAT WG HAD ALREADY DECIDED ON LEVEL OF DETAIL, AND CURRENT "BLUE BOOK" CIRCULATED AS AC 276-SGDS N/25 (PTS I&III) AND N/26 (PT II, CTS) DTD JUNE 18, WAS THE RESULT. UK REP REJOINED THAT IN LONDON'S VIEW "BLUE BOOK'S" LEVEL OF DETAIL WAS PROBABLY EXCESSIVE BUT MORE IMPORTANT, IT DID NOT ISOLATE AIR DEFENSE AND AIR PORTIONS OF WP AIR DEFENSE STRUCTURE. BRANSON REPLIED THAT "BLUE BOOK" BREAKS DOWN WP FORCES BY UNIFORM; IF A NEW FORMAT IS TO BE DEVELOPED TO INCLUDE W P GROUND FORCES, AIR FORCES, AND AIR DEFENSE STRUCTURE, LATTER BREAK DOWN WILL NOT BE COMPARABLE TO OTHER TWO. UK REP SAID THAT CURRENT FORMAT BOTHERED LONDON PRECISELY BECAUSE AIR DEFENSE NOT BROKEN OUT, ALTHOUGH LATTER WILL BECOME AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND MUST IN ANY CASE BE AVAILABLE IF GROUND FORCE DEFINITION QUESTION IS TO BE RESOLVED.

3. CANADIAN REP (BECKETT) SAID ALLIES SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THEIR FUTURE NEEDS IN MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. AT PRESENT THEY DEFINITELY NEED FURTHER INFORMATION ON ANOMALIES ARISING OUT OF WP AIR
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DEFENSE SECTOR. ALSO, THEY MAY HAVE USE FOR AIR MANPOWER DATA IN THE FUTURE, AND MC 224 CONFERENCE SHOULD BE THE TIME TO DEVELOP NATO AGREED FIGURES IN THIS FIELD AS WELL. U.S. REP ASKED WHAT WAS LEVEL OF DETAIL NEEDED? IN LIGHT OF UK REP'S RMARK THAT "BLUE BOOK'S" LEVEL OF DETAIL APPEARED EXCESSIVE, WOULD OLD ANNEX B SUFFICE? CHAIRMAN REPLIED THAT THE AHG HAS CONSISTENTLY ASKED FOR MAORE DATA THAN THAT CONTAINED IN ANNEX B. PROBLEM IS THEREFORE, TO DECIDE WHAT LEVEL OF DETAIL ALLIES WISHED TO PROVIDE TO NEGOTIATORS, AND THEN TO SUBMIT THESE REQUIREMENTS TO MC 224 CONFERENCE. TO HASTEN ACTION, CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT DATA SUB GROUP CHAIRMAN CIRCULATE FORMATS FOR GROUND FORCES AND AIR FORCES FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION BY CAPITALS. GROUND FORCE FORMAT WILL BE SAME AS THAT IN "BLUE BOOK," AND WILL CONTINUE TO

IDENTIFY GROUND ELEMENTS OF AIR DEFENSE. IMS ADVISES THAT AIR FORCE FORMAT WILL RESEMBLE FORMAT PUT FORWARD IN AC/276-SGDS N/24 (POUCHED). IT ALSO RESEMBLES "BLUE BOOK" IN ITS APPROACH, BUT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT SPECIAL FEATURES OF AIR FORCES AND INCLUDES AIR ELEMENTS OF THE AIR DEFENSE STRUCTURE. IN ADDITION, THERE WOULD BE FORMAT OF AN EXPLANATORY ANNEX SHOWING HOW WP AIR DEFENSE STRUCTURE BREAKS OUT FROM PREVIOUS TWO FORMATS. THIS APPROACH SHOULD PROVIDE CAPITALS WITH AN OPP TO DECIDE ON LEVEL OF DETAIL REQUIRED, AS WELL AS OVERALL DATA REQUIREMENTS TO BE PUT TO MC 224 CONFERENCE. THIRD FORMAT WILL NOT BE DEVELOPED UNTIL STAFF GROUP HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW CONTENT OF FIRST TWO FORMATS AND DETERMINE HOW FAR THE DETAIL AVAILABLE WILL ENABLE PRODUCTION OF THIRD AIR DEFENSE FORMAT. MISSION WILL TRANSMIT FORMATS WHEN RECEIVED.

4. ON RELATED SUBJECT, FRG REP (SCHMIDTBAUER) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD BE UNABLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS FOR AN MC 224 CONFERENCE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AND THAT FRG THEREFORE WISHED TO HOLD TO ORIGINAL DATA. SAME INFORMATION, HE SAID, WAS PASSED TO OTHER ALLIES THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS. RUMSFELD

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